

Corrections Advisory Council



Agenda

April 7, 2006

8 a.m.

Montana Women's Prison
Billings

NOTE: A public comment period may be offered before the conclusion of each agenda item. The meeting will be preceded by a tour of the facility on Thursday, April 6, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Jan. 31 meeting minutes

Introduction of new members

Old Business

8:00-10:00 – Updates:

- Meth treatment program contract(s) – Director Bill Slaughter
- Native court worker grant – Slaughter
- Special-needs project – Slaughter
- Montana State Prison population, staffing – Deputy Warden Ross Swanson
- Inmate transportation – Swanson
- Report from study subcommittee
- Budget – Centralized Services Administrator Gary Hamel

10:00-10:15 – Break

New Business

10:15-11:15 – Secure facility placement issues

- Siting of correctional facilities in Billings – Dave Armstrong, Alternatives Inc.; Marion Dozier, Billings resident
- Generic factors affecting siting – Director Slaughter; Warden Mike Mahoney; Warden Jo Acton; Pat Smith, Contract Placement Bureau chief
- Dawson County Regional Prison siting experience – Dawson County Sheriff Craig Anderson

11:15-12:30 – Programs and services available and needed to help female offenders stay out of prison or not return to prison

1. In prison:

- Vocational training programming overview – Gayle Lambert, Montana Correctional Enterprises administrators
- Life skills/vocational/therapeutic programs at Montana Women's Prison – Warden Acton
- Pending lawsuit over issue – Diana Koch
- Montana Women's Prison inmates

2. In communities:

- Probation/parole officers
- Women offenders in community corrections

12:30-1:00 – Working lunch (includes success stories from Billings offenders involved in the TEAM Mentoring program)

1:00-2:30 – Panel on methamphetamine and its impact on the corrections system

- Peg Shea, Montana Meth Project, Missoula
- Kathryn Woodward, meth prevention specialist, Yellowstone City-County Health Department, Billings
- Rhonda Stenerson, chemical dependency counselor, Billings
- Sue Orand, clinical services coordinator, Montana Women's Prison
- Pat Osterhout, licensed addiction counselor, Montana State Prison

2:30-3:00 – Presentation on nonviolent offender designation vs. risk to the community – Warden Jo Acton

3:00-3:45 – Chairman's discussion

- Governor's executive order
- Where we are
- Where we are going
- What we want to accomplish
- Public comment

3:45-4:00 – Discussion of June meeting agenda and location
Set August meeting date and location

4:00 – Adjourn

